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Mr. Frederick W. Chesson

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Dear Mr. Chesson:

Thank you for your letter of 28 March. Congratulations on your solution of the Civil War ciphers you described.

With respect to your question on the status of the Friedman collection at Lexington, Va., I would suggest that you write this independent research foundation directly for first-hand information rather than what we could send you. A letter to Dr. Fred L. Hadsel, Executive Director, George C. Marshall Research Foundation, Lexington, Va. (24450) should produce the information you desire.

With regard to your question on Wilhelm Flicke's <u>War Secrets in the Ether</u>, we do have an English translation of the original. This translation contains 312 pages that can be provided to you for a charge of \$17.30 in copying fees.

In answer to your question on the declassification of World War II cryptography, we have released a sanitized version of the "Friedman Lectures". The final lecture of this six-lecture series is devoted to a presentation of the important events in the history of cryptology from the end of World War I to the end of World War II. It contains 32 pages that would require \$3.30 in copying fees. We have also declassified a portion of a paper by Friedman entitled "Analysis of a Mechanico-electrical Cryptograph", which describes a Hebern cryptographic device. A copy of this portion of the paper is inclosed without charge.

Sincerely,

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